GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2762
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2002
PROCUREMENT OF DEFENCE MATERIALS
ASHOK KUMAR PATEL

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the group of Ministers set up for defence sector has made any recommendations for simplifying the procedure for procurement of defence material;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The Group of Ministers recommended creation of a separate and dedicated institutional structure, viz., Defence Procurement Board (DPB) to undertake the entire gamut of procurement functions including laying down procedures to facilitate a higher degree of professionalism and cost effectiveness and closer participation by the Armed Forces in the process of decision making resulting in higher operational efficiency. The DPB is functional.